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168. The Karl HASS contact was set up in the following manner: In April 1953, [] called upon SIFAR to send over an officer who could handle foreign intelligence exchanges with a source for whom [] would guarantee. [] was dispatched to make the contact, and he was presented to one Rodolfo GIUSTINI (alias of Karl HASS). After the presentation [] insisted that [] pay 180,000 lire as an initial payment to GIUSTINI who had still not provided the material. Fortunately [] immediately checked with Subject for traces and learned the truth of GIUSTINI's identity.
169. In August, Subject confirmed that a document on the Prisrand Committee on Albania which was passed by [] to [] and which Subject furnished in photocopy, was in fact received by [] from HASS. Subject further added at the time that he has run into clear indications that the HOETTL group for which HASS was working within the HEINZ service had a center at GRAZ, under B.I.S. control. This in turn may account for the receipt of a deliberate Yugoslav plant against the Italians through this channel.
170. In any case, it soon appeared clear that this channel through HASS to HEINZ or whoever might be his successor definitely did not offer any guarantee of security. HASS early and deliberately decided to "monitor" materials being sent both ways through his hands and market them elsewhere. On 26 November 1953, we received a report that HASS had made a concrete offer of collaboration to the Russians through [].

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